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TOPIC Movements of Soviet Troop Trains

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Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
27 Sep- tember	10 boxcars and 38 flatcars with 8 to 10 rocket launchers, trucks and soldiers	Prennitz	Altengra- bow
28 Sep- tember	10 boxcars and 35 flatcars with 57-mm AT guns, trucks and soldiers	Altengrabow	Neustre- litz
1 Octo- ber	37 boxcars and 16 flatcars with trucks and soldiers	Doetzow	Borstel
1 Octo- ber	8 boxcars and 18 flatcars with artillery pieces, pieces of about 75mm, trucks and soldiers	Etgersleben	Finow
1 Octo- ber	10 boxcars and 36 flatcars with rocket launchers, trucks and soldiers	Altengrabow	Prennitz
2 Octo- ber	8 boxcars and 37 flatcars with trucks and soldiers	Aschersleben	Eberswalde
2 Octo- ber	9 boxcars and 25 flatcars with 75-mm guns, trucks and soldiers	Etgersleben	Finow

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2 October	8 boxcars and 26 flatcars with trucks and soldiers	Aschersleben	Eberswalde
3 October	38 boxcars and 20 flatcars with 85-mm AA guns, trucks and soldiers	Velten	Dorstel
5 October	33 boxcars and 12 flatcars with trucks and soldiers	Doetzow	Dorstel

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2. Troop trains between 7 and 10 October included:

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Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From-	To
7 October	11 boxcars and 40 flatcars	Neuruppin	Forst Zinna
	43 boxcars and 3 flatcars	Dallgow	Dessau
9 October	10 boxcars and 40 flatcars	Forst Zinna	Neuruppin
	34 boxcars and 10 flatcars	Dallgow	Dessau
10 October	16 boxcars and 34 flatcars	Doberan	Naumburg

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3. On 5 October, a troop train of 9 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars, and 10 flatcars, [redacted] was observed in the Chemnitz railroad sub-district. The train [redacted] from Koenigsbrueck to Chemnitz. (8) [redacted] went

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4. Soviet troop trains dispatched to Dorstel-Stendal, [redacted] of the Mustermark marshaling yard, included: a train of 37 boxcars and 16 flatcars, [redacted] from Doetzow on 1 October; a train of 38 boxcars and 20 flatcars, [redacted] from Velten on 3 October; and a train of 33 boxcars and 12 flatcars, [redacted] with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and an unidentified number of guns including two 85-mm AA guns and [redacted] from Doetzow on 5 October. (3)

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5. The following numbers of Soviet military personnel were observed aboard leave trains in Frankfurt/Oder between 1 and 8 October:

Date	To Drest-Litovsk	From Drest-Litovsk
1 October	30 and 100	250 and 220
2 October	90 and 110	240 and 260
3 October	100 and 200	280 and 270
4 October	150 and 220	260 and 300

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5 October	150 and 200	250 and 200
6 October	180 and 220	270 and 300
7 October	190 and 210	320 and 300
8 October	220 and 230	290 and 280

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6. In early October, about 100 boxcars were converted into troop cars equipped with stoves by the railroad workshop in Frankfurt/Oder. (9)  
 [redacted] 10 boxcars were to be equipped with field kitchens. (10)

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8. On 9 October, a troop train carrying numerous soldiers, about 25 T-34/85 and JS tanks, and about 15 trucks arrived at the Guesen (M 52/D 66) railroad station. The train came from an eastern direction and proceeded toward Ganderleben after a stop of about 12 hours. [redacted]

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Comments.

- (1) Probably exchange movements of elements of the 25th RL Brig, possibly regiment.
- (2) An AA unit of the 9th Cds Tank Div is believed to have loaded on the train. It possibly was the unit which moved to Altengrabow on 17 September. See [redacted]
- (3) The three trains, which are confirmed [redacted] carried components of the 31st AAA Div. They are possibly part of the movement of troops for field exercises, which are to be conducted in the Lutzeling Heath area and to the east during the second half of October. [redacted]
- (4) The unloading of these units of the Fourth Cds Mecz Army in Eberswalde was previously reported [redacted]. It is rather definitely believed that they participated in the field exercises which were held in the Stassfurt-Halberstadt area in the second half of September. [redacted] indicated that the same units were to return to the above area for field exercises at about 15 October.
- (5) The loading of these trains on 6 October in Neuruppin was previously reported [redacted]. The trains carried a unit of the 12th Cds Tank Div. See [redacted]
- (6) The two trains carrying components of the 1st Mecz Div were previously observed in Doberitz [redacted]
- (7) The train probably carried an unidentified AAA unit from Hamburg which returned to its post upon completion of its firing practices at the Wustrow AA range.
- (8) On 27 September, a component of the 6th (?) Cds AAA Div [redacted] was loaded in Chemnitz and went to Koenigsbrueck. The unit possibly returned to its permanent post on 5 October.
- (9) The volume of daily leave traffic during the period from 25 to 30 September was 190 soldiers to, and 470 from, Brest-Litovsk; and from 1 to 8 October, 380 and 520 respectively.

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